[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI RITA VERMA(Dhanbad): Mr. Speaker , Sir, with your permission, I would like to draw the attention of the House and the Government to the incident of kidnapping of Kavita Solanki and the helplessness of our society against the growing lawlessness especially in Dhanbad in Bihar

Last month, on 25th November at 7.00 p.m. Shrimati Kavita Solanki was forcibly kidnapped by four gonads and taken into a motor car. Please remember that Shrimati Solanki belongs to a middle class respectable family having three young daughters. Their residence is in a densely populated mohalla. When her husband went to the Police Station to lodge a report, it was not recorded for six hours by the staff of the Police Station, and they behaved in an unconcerned manner as if his wife was not kidnapped but a commodity like suitcase was lost. Not only that when police brought to the Police Station for interrogation the person whom Shri Solanki suspected, the workers of a particular political party at once got him released. The D.C and C.P. did not pay any attention to this incident for two days. Finally, when I gave a notice to the Police that if Shrimati Solanki was not traced by the morning of 28th a massive demonstration would be staged under the agues of B.J.P., the very next day, the kidnappers left Shrimati Solanki in an unconscious state in a rickshaw in front of her house. Shrimti Solanki is still in the hospital in a critical condition. After gaining a little consciousness on seeing even a male doctor she becomes again unconscious out of fear.

She is unable to recognise her husband and children. As soon as she regains a little consciousness, she starts crying - "Take me to Dhanbad, these people will sell me in Varanasi". (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You are reading a lengthy note.

[*English*]

You have to be brief.

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI RITA VERMA: The condition is more or less the same in the whole of Bihar. We don't feel that we are living in a society. It is as if we are living in the utter darkness of medieval period. The matter is worth consideration that it is not the story of atrocity committed on a single woman, rather it is a story of all the women who belong to the harijans society. The incidents of atrocities on women in general and harijans in particular are on the increase in Bihar these days. The House should condemn this incident unanimously and the hon. Home Minister should make a statement in this regard. I also urge upon the Government that Shrimati Kavita Solanki be brought to Delhi for treatment in All India Institute of Medical Sciences on Government expenses and her statement be recorded in Delhi because there is danger to here life in Dhanbad. Moreover, she can not otherwise get rid of fear.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Gandhinagar): Mr, Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to have an information from the Government. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister is sitting here. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay North): He is standing.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: One is sitting and the other is standing. Firstly, a discussion on Meghalaya was scheduled on last Monday and the Government had urged the House to defer it for 2-3 days. It was not formally listed for Thursday but informally it was given to understand that there would be a discussion on Meghalaya on Thursday. In today's List of Business Meghalaya is not there. I would like to know when it would be decided, because whatever is to be decided about the President's Rule shall have to be decided by the Government before 11th December. Secondly, when there was a discussion about Delhi the day before yesterday, we discussed it with M.Ps also. Yesterday, there was a discussion with the leaders of various parties In the House and we felt as if....(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: I am just told that the Minister is going to make a statement today. I received it only one minute back. He will make the statement at 4.30 P.M. Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura): Mayl have your indulgence please?

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA (Cuttack): What about Meghalaya?

[*Translation*]

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: According to the List of Business, that day was fixed for a discussion on Meghalaya and with the permission of the House none of these two topics was taken up for consideration on that day. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: We will find out at that time, he says.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Sir, I am also interested in Meghalaya because the Statutory Resolution is in his name and also in my name. While supporting him, I am coming to my subject.

Sir, for some time there are attempts on behalf of certain newspaper owners of foreign countries to enter into collaboration with Indian newspaper owners. It is reported that the owners of *Financial Times* of London are preparing to enter into collaboration with one of the big newspapers of India. If such collaborations are allowed, it will be harmful for our country as well as for our journalists, As it is , India is yet heavily dependent on foreign news sources particularly those of Britain and America. Most of these sources have their own angle, which are not necessarily to the best interests of our country.

On top of this, if foreign collaborations, as mentioned above, are allowed, then we may have to see Editors and even Sub-Editors of foreign origin. This is not at all welcome. Therefore, through you, Sir, I draw the attention of the Minister for Information and Broadcasting to this matter. Since the Ministers for Information and Broadcasting is not here and the Parliamentary Affairs Minister is not here, I request through you Sir, to draw the attention... (*Interruption*)

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa): He is here.

MR. SPEAKER: You think that he can hear only when he sits in his place.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and request him to take it up with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): Sir, it is only a point of procedure I want to raise now. Yesterday I raised this when you were not here in the Chair and the honourable Deputy Speaker was in the Chair. I know that it is not possible for the Government to respond in all matters which you were allowing to be raised during this period. But, Sir, at least some steps should be taken to inform the Members concerned later on as to what is the Government's response to these matters. I hope, what is expected in Matters under Rule 377 should also be applied to this.

MR SPEAKER: While I would not respond to it immediately, I would discuss it with you in the Business Advisory Committee.

SHRI BUTA SINGH (Jalore): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the unprecedented hike in the fee of the students in the Delhi University is not only unparalled but also it is unheard of in the annals of the Universities. And the educational establishments in Delhi have hiked their fees almost on 100 per cent basis which has greatly disturbed the students all over Delhi, the national capital.

A large number of students called on me yesterday and explained to me about the